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- a. ☐ within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
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☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:

- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or

- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6. ☒ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
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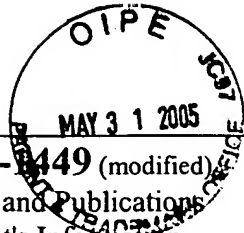
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE APPROPRIAT
		6,275,953	08/14/2001	Vahalia, et al.			
		5,917,997	06/29/1999	Bell, et al.			
		4,975,894	12/04/1990	Jachmann, et al.			
		4,710,926	12/01/1987	Brown, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATIO YES/NO
	B1	WO 96/18256	06/13/1996	WO			
	B2	EP 0 689 326	08/22/2001	EP			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	B3	Further Search Report Under Section 17; Application No. GB0418139.2; Date of Search: March 21, 2005.					

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